



Thunder Bay, Ontario



Recollections

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I arrived in Thunder Bay in September 1980 as a result of an Ontario Hydro transfer to the generating station on Mission Island. At the time the 'new' units were in the process of being commissioned for service.

During my stay I was Vice President and President of LARC in the early 80's and the meetings were at the EMO building at the corner of Victoria and Waterloo St. I understand that building has been gone for a long time now.

Some of the events I recall were providing communications for the cycling events for the Canada Summer Games in 1981, communications for the Sibley Ski Tour, and the arrival of the VE3TBR two meter repeater. I also recall organizing a tour of the 'new' Thunder Bay Generating Station for one of the club meetings. At the time it was leading edge technology as it was computer controlled.

I also remember AM broadcast stations 580 CKPR, 800 CBQ, and 1230 CFPA/CJLB. I understand they have all moved to FM as have a lot of stations in Ontario.

After Thunder Bay I moved to Scarborough, ON in 1983 for a number of years before finally moving back to my home town of Belleville ON in 1990. I have served on the Executive of the Quinte Amateur Radio Club (more than once) and also was Chairman of the St Lawrence Valley Repeater Council.

Radio wise I get out very infrequently with my FT-817ND and Buddipole antenna to operate portable, and I do have a FT-8800R in my vehicle as well as a VX8GR HT and Baofeng UV5R HT. I do show up on APRS once in a while.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Lakehead Amateur Radio Club best wishes for it's 80th Anniversary and for many more in the future!

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CANWARN Training

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Folks, after a very long and very cold winter there is some promise of more seasonal temperatures in the coming weeks. While there is still lots of snow on the ground in some areas and lots of ice on the Great Lakes, strong storm systems capable of producing damaging thunderstorms may not be that far into the future especially in Southwestern Ontario. Please find following the current lists of dates and venues for this spring's CANWARN storm spotter training sessions. Additional dates/venues will likely be added in the coming weeks and I will be announcing the dates for the training in Northwestern Ontario shortly. **The Northwestern Ontario training is currently planned for the week of June 9th.**

My thanks again to all of you who are currently part of this important program. I look forward to encountering many familiar faces during the upcoming training sessions and also meeting some new ones. CANWARN continues to be an important part of Environment Canada's severe weather watch and warning program. Your timely reports provide that all important ground-truthing of what our radar and lightning detection systems may be showing.

SKYWARN

And for those that wish to join our American friends Skywarn training has been scheduled for April 21, 2014 6:30pm at Polaris.

<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/fgf/?n=skywarn>

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ABOUT US

The Lakehead Amateur Radio Club (LARC) is an incorporated not for profit group of amateur radio operators in the Thunder Bay area that meet for self education, community service and fellowship. Our meetings are the second Thursday of the month at room 191 McIntyre Building, Confederation College, 7:30 PM. Our postal address is 1100C Memorial Ave. Suite 184, Thunder Bay, Ontario P7B 4A3. This newsletter is published monthly except for July and August by Ed Baumann VE3SNW and questions and submissions may be emailed to ve3snw@shaw.ca

Nets in the Thunder Bay Area

Sunday AMETHYST ARES VHF NET, on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9031 @ 0045Z (7:45 pm), also Cook County ARES Response Team (CARRT) net at 0100Z (8 pm) on the BWARC repeater, Grand Portage repeater - 146.655 with CTCSS 151.4

Monday SATERN NET on VE3TBR 146.820- pl 107.2 IRLP Ref. # 9032

SATERN DIGITAL NETS on **Monday & Wednesday** nights

8 pm- 14.065

9 pm- 7.065

10 pm- 3.5835

Mode :Olivia 8/500 1000Hz waterfall centre

Tuesday 2M/ LARC ARES NET on VE3YQT 147.060- @ 7:00PM ET, and after this net is the new THUNDER BAY ARES DIGITAL NET on PSK31 between 1000 & 2000 WATERFALL 145.050 FM mode @ 7:30PM (usually starts after the 2m/ ares net)

Every Day The NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO ARES NET , every evening at 8:15PM (local) on 80m 3.750Mhz (note the time does not change with daylight savings time.)

Any questions on these or other nets please feel free to contact me at my e-mail: ve3mxj@rac.ca

LARC OPEN ACCESS REPEATERS

VE3YQT(Mount Baldy)147.060 (-600) Phone Patch

VE3TBR (St. Joseph's) 146.820 pl 107.2

442.075 (+5 MHz)**pl 100**
 144.390 APRS

VE3UPP Upsala 145.470 (-600)

Minutes of the**Lakehead Amateur Radio Club*****Date: March 13, 2014*****President, Jeff Cedarwall VE3JTD Presiding.****Guest Speaker:**

Doug McCormack spoke and demonstrated remote controlled radios at VE3SAO

Treasurer's Report: Bill Unger VE3XT

Bill Unger VE3XT moved to accept the report as printed in Hi-Q. Seconded by John

Sacek VA3JMS. Passed Unanimously.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP moved to accept the January's meeting's minutes as printed in Hi-Q. Seconded by Robert Mazur VA3ROM. Passed. (February meeting cancelled due to storm)

Old Business:

Public Service (John Sacek VA3JMS public events coordinator)

Sleeping Giant Loppet wrap-up
Jeff Cedarwall VE3JTD

Upcoming Events:

May long weekend 10 mile Road Race

July 1st Kakabeka Falls 5 Km run

Late July Triathlon

August Conquer the Dog

Hymers Fair

September Thunder Bay Marathon

CANWARN John Sacek VA3JMS

No activity

ARES Brad Harris VE3MXJ Thunder Bay EC

Tuesday night VHF Net on VE3YQT at 7pm. Everyone invited to check-in.

Sunday night NW ON Amethyst VHF net on VE3TBR, IRLP Reflector 9031, 7:45 ET

Daily NW ON HF 3750 Khz, 8:15 ET if an operator is available

VE3ONN is now vacated from the Salvation Army building.

RAC Report Bill Unger VE3XT

New Examination now online

Repeater News

Randy Gottfred VA3OJ,
Terry Stewardson VA3LU
VE3TBR on the NW ON IRLP reflector 9031.

Club Trailer: Bob Hansen VE3RVA

sleeping til spring

2 Day Weekend License Course

14 people interested, postponed to early April

Annual Dinner:

@ Chicago Joe's Thursday April 10th 6 pm. We are planning on the guest speaker being a nutritionist to speak on senior's nutrition. And legal council for RAC will talk.

New Business

Karl Hamilton VE3RRP had correspondence from VE7CT.

50/50 Draw: Lori Bedford VE3VAI

Adjournment moved by: John Sacek VA3JMS

Next Executive Meeting: April 3, 2014

Next LARC Meeting: April 10, 2014

Personalize Your Phone

Pat VE3PD

This might be of interest to those amateurs that have a smart phone or one that can use .mp3 files.

<http://www.morseresource.com/morse/makemorse.php>

The above web site lets you type in text and have it converted to an .mp3 file that you can set up with your call sign etc, just type in your information and do the conversion. The speed and spacing can be customized. After you save the file you can rename it and add the .mp3 suffix. Copy it to your ring tone file and you are set to go.

It makes for a unique ring tone that is personal.

North East Ontario Regional Directors Report for April, 2014



Radio Amateurs of Canada is again offering Scholarships in several categories. The deadline to apply is July 31. If you know of a young Amateur who is in a post secondary institution studying in a Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics program please let them know. Here is a link to the recent bulletin:

<https://www.rac.ca/en/news/bulletins/2014/12/>

In the last week of April RAC will be having its annual meeting with Industry Canada (IC) to discuss issues that concern both parties as part of the Canadian Amateur Radio Advisory Board (CARAB). It was through meetings like this that we obtained the new 60 Metre band. Is there something you think we need to discuss with IC? Let me know as soon as possible.

<https://www.rac.ca/en/news/bulletins/2014/13/>

Congratulations to Atlantic Director Everett Price, VO1DK and Deputy Director Len Morgan, VE9MY for lobbying the New Brunswick Government and successfully obtaining an exemption for their Amateurs from Distracted Driving Legislation.

There are apparently still some concerns regarding Ontario Amateurs position vis a vis Distracted Driving. Al Boyd, VE3AJB who is the Section Manager for Ontario North (ONN) and who has an intimate working knowledge of Ontario Road Regulations has supplied a link to the English and French Legislation in question:

http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/regs/english/elaws_regs_090366_e.htm

I don't spend a lot of time reading blogs. But recently one by Michael, VE3WDM was pointed out to me. It seems his condo has some restrictions on antennas but he managed to install a MFJ loop antenna covertly I suspect. In order to make it blend it he covered it with a BBQ cover to keep it under wraps so to speak. What a clever idea.



You may have realised by now much of this report references RAC Bulletins. In a recent report to Directors fewer than 1500 Canadian Amateurs are subscribing to the Bulletin Service. Anytime a bulletin is issued a copy is emailed to you. If you want to stay up to date, you should consider subscribing to this service. A quick click on our new QR code will take you to the RAC home page and you can follow the links to subscribe on the main page, right hand column. You need not be a RAC member to use this service.

If you have any questions or concerns or wish to comment on the upcoming CARAB meeting please email me at ve3xt@rac.ca

Bill VE3XT
North East Ontario Regional Director
Radio Amateurs of Canada

Lakehead Amateur Radio Club

March 2014 Treasurers Report

Balance March 01 2014 \$1,511.91

Income

March 17 50/50 \$8.00

Membership \$35.00

Total Income \$43.00

Expenses

TB Tel Cell \$0.57

Total Expenses \$0.57

Balance March 31, 2014 \$1,554.34

Trailer Account

Previous Balance \$784.97

Income

March 31 Interest \$0.07

\$785.04

Expenses

Total Expenses: \$0.00

Balance in Trailer Account

\$785.04

Term Account

Balance March 01 2014

\$2,033.13

Interest March 04 2014 \$0.67

Balance March 31 2014

\$2,033.80

Bill Unger

VE3XT

Treasurer



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April 2014

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
APRIL SHOWERS	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 LARC MEETING Con College	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 Good Friday	19	20 Easter Sunday 
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	MAY FLOWERS?			